

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application as amended. Claims 1, 21, and 27 have been amended. Claims 9 and 26 have been canceled without prejudice.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,070,160 (hereinafter "Geary"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Specifically, claim 1 as amended includes the limitation, or a limitation similar thereto, of:

receiving search criteria entered by a user;
performing a single search on a plurality of databases and at least one attached document for data records matching the search criteria; and
generating search results comprising of the data records matching the received search criteria. (Applicants' Independent Claim 1).

Geary, however, does not disclose nor suggest the limitations set forth above, as claimed by applicants. Specifically, Geary does not disclose performing a single search on a plurality of databases and at least one attached document.

Rather, Geary is limited to disclosing importing information into the databases of a system from a file (Geary, col. 7, lines 25-27). According to Geary, the import routine may read a text file and break the text in the text file into fields, which are then stored in

a database. Thus, the text file is converted to a database. (See Geary, col. 7, lines 48-50). Geary does not disclose a document attached to the database. Furthermore, Geary merely discloses searching databases (Geary, Abstract, lines 1-2). Geary does not disclose or imply searching any attached document. Since Geary does not disclose every limitation in claim 1, Geary fails to anticipate claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

For at least the reason discussed above with respect to claim 1, Geary fails to anticipate claims 10, 16, 21, and 27 as amended. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections.

Claims 2-8, 11-15, 17-20, 22-25, and 28-30 depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 10, 16, 21, and 27, respectively. Therefore, claims 2-8, 11-15, 17-20, 22-25, and 28-30 are not anticipated by Geary for at least the reason discussed above with respect to claim 1. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections.

CONCLUSION

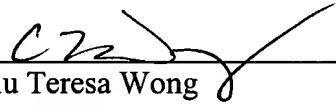
Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call C. Teresa Wong at (408) 720-8300, x377.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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